individual entrepreneurs/farmers would be eligible for the promotional grant/ subsidy under the scheme.

The Scheme is location specific and project oriented, subject to techno-economic feasibility and costs as firmed up by financial institutions/banks and linked with promoters contribution. Moreover, the type of plantations/ activities vary with reference to site and agroclimatic conditions. The project is to be implemented in period ranging from 2.5 years and, therefore, no stage-wise investments and targets and time span can be fixed under this Scheme,

Step* to control misuse of JRY Funds

7386. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: WU1 the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take steps to control misuse of JRY funds;

(b) what changes are proposed in the present guidelines issued to State Governments to properly enforce implementation of JRY;

(c) whether State Governments have made any suggestions in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL): (a) to (d) Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) is being implemented by the District Rural Development Agencies DRDAs/Zilla Parishads (ZPs) at the district level and by the Village Panchayats at the village level. The system of checks and balanes is built into the Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) Guidelines so that JRY funds are properly utilised. The JRY resources released to the Gram Panchayats are to be kept in an exclusive and separate savings banks or post-office account which can be operated jointly by the Sarpanch and another persons nominated by Panchayat. Every drawal from the bank is required to be authorised in the meeting of the Gram Panchayat. The accounts of the DRDAs/ZPs/Gram Panchayats (GPs) are also subject to regular audit. Meetings of the Gram Panchayats are to be held every month on a fixed date and time, in which every member of village community can raise any issue regarding implementation of JRY. Instructions have been issued to the Gram Panchayats to appoint a Vigilance Committee for each village under its jurisdiction to oversee, supervise and monitor the implementation of works under the Yojana.

On the basis of the feedback received from the State Governments, the Ministry of Rural Areas & Employment have also introduced a system of Area Officers during the years 1993 with a view to effectively monitor the various programmes of Rural .Development including JRY. Under this scheme, senior officers at the level of Deputy Secretary and above have been allocated one or two State(s) each. They are required to visit the State(s) alloted to them and give a report on the implementation of rural development programmes including JRY, To give greater attention to the States with higher proportion of rural poor and unemployed, the Area Officers, Scheme has further been strengthened w.e.f. 1.1.1994, by including Officers from the Department of Programme Implementation, Department of Wastelands Development and the Planning Commission also in the various teams of Area Officers. The Government of India has also undertaken concurrent evaluation of JRY through independent institutions/organisations to assess its impact in the rural areas in relation to the specific objectives of the programme.

Family Credit Plan

7387. SHRI V. HANUMATHA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the assessment of the Family Credit Plan'